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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 6, 1999, at 12 noon.

House of Representatives

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1998

Pursuant to section 3 of House Concurrent Resolution 353, One Hundred Fifth Congress, the House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker, Hon. NEWT GINGRICH.

NOTIFICATION OF REASSEMBLING OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER. The Chair lays before the House the text of the formal notification sent to Members on Monday, December 14, 1998, of the reassembling of the House, which the Clerk will read.

The Clerk read as follows:

OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER,
Washington, DC, December 14, 1998.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE WHITE: Pursuant to section 3 of House Concurrent Resolution 353 and after consultation with the Minority Leader, the public interest requires the Members of the House of Representatives to reassemble at 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 17, 1998. The Sergeant at Arms is directed to notify all Members of the reassembly of the House of Representatives for the second session of the One Hundred Fifth Congress.

Sincerely yours,

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

We pray, almighty God, that Your spirit will lead and guide all those who turn to Your word of peace and of light. In times of conflict we seek Your abiding grace, and we pray that Your special blessing will be with all those who experience any pain or suffering.

We remember the men and women of our armed forces that the duty and honor of serving their country will enable them to be faithful in their tasks and steadfast in their responsibilities. May each person in every opportunity use the abilities You have given them to help fashion a world where justice flows down as waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

In the words of the hymn writer Daniel Roberts, we continue to pray: "From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, Make Your strong arm our ever sure defense. Your true religion in our hearts increase; Your bounteous goodness nourish us in peace." Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SPENCE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SPENCE led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT AS MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON ELECTRONIC COMMERCE

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 1102(b)(1)(C) of the Internet Tax Freedom Act and Section 5 of House Resolution 594, 105th Congress, the Speaker on Friday, November 27, 1998 appointed the following individuals on the part of the House to the Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce:

Mr. Grover Norquist, Virginia;
Mr. Richard D. Parsons, New York;
Mr. David Pottruck, California;
Mr. James Gilmore, Virginia; and
Mr. Dean Andal, California.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from Hon. RICHARD A. GEPHARDT, Democratic leader:

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 3, 1998.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 1102(b)(1)(C) of Public Law 105-277, I hereby appoint the following individuals to the Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce:

Governor Gary Locke of Olympia, WA.
Mayor Ron Kirk of Dallas, TX.
Mr. Robert Pittman of Dulles, VA.

Yours very truly,

RICHARD A. GEPHARDT.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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